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out playing when you came back, but believe me down in our hearts we are proud of you and I hope we can display this pride by the passing of this resolution.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp. No, Senator Newell wants to close. Do you have any other comments? Your light is on.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, if he is going to close, then I will just make a few additional comments. Mr. President, in discussing the Vietnam War, I think there is one thing that is important. The Vietnam War was maybe one of the most important lessons, learning experiences, maturing experiences the United States of America ever went through, and when I stand on this floor and I speak in defense of what I consider or hope to be fair treatment for the Vietnam Veteran, let me never suggest that I defend either the way the war was conducted or certain of the actions that occurred in Vietnam. There were things that occurred there that took eighteen, nineteen and twenty year old American boys and dehumanized them to the point where they do have and they do suffer today, and when I say they I mean I will bet you a hundred percent of the ones that were in any form of combat or involved in that area, they suffer or have suffered serious mental trauma and various problems. We made gods of body count, kill ratios and such other absurdities. Vietcong or the enemy became simply anybody that you happened to be able to kill and you were able to kill pretty indiscriminately and so I say in recognizing the Vietnam veteran let us recognize also that he has certain mental needs, mental treatment needs from activities arising out of that particular war but I in no way defend the way the war was conducted, whether you look at it from the standpoint of we should or should not have been there. If we should have been there, then we conducted the war wrong. If we should have not been there, we should not have been there. I would hope in the future that this Legislature would keep kind of a fatherly eye on the Vietnam veterans throughout this state and their needs because there will be more needs developing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you wish to close on your resolution?

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I would hope that before voting on this resolution that you would in fact look at the resolution on page 1933 of your Journal. It was written a little differently than the resolutions that are being presented to the other 50 states. It was written by me with certain editorial comments and